Jason J. Evans

Bioinformatics Engineer and Data Scientist

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Highlights

Leader Innovator Builder Teacher **Driver of Success** Investigator Learner & Grower Worker Facilitator

- 15+ years work experience applying bioinformatics in biotechnology, academic, clinical settings
- 10+ years experience support and development in a CAP/CLIA genetic testing laboratory setting
- Designed and implemented variant calling and annotation pipelines for integration of exome and genome sequencing into clinical lab workflows
- Skilled on a Linux command-line for transform, merge, and extraction of complex data to reduce key information that is digestable to lab scientists and geneticists alike

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI

Bachelors of Science, Botany

1999

Medical College of Wisconsin and Marquette University

Milwaukee, WI

Masters of Science, Joint Program in Bioinformatics

2009

Experience

Quest Diagnostics

Marlborough, MA

Sr. Manager, Bioinformatics, Clinical Operations

12/2021-Current

- Established a dedicated Clinical Operations group in support of Clinical Geneticists, Variant Scientists and Lab Operations within a CAP/CLIA regulatory setting
- Led development for cloud-based systems and the tools to register and find data, track provenance, and ease troubleshooting of cloud pipelines and supporting systems
- Drove extensible implementation of Python libraries to standardize logging, tracking, and connection between LIMS, cloud-based systems and interpretation and reporting databases
- Consolidated and simplified support of all of our systems used in our production clinical setting

Sr. Staff Scientist, Bioinformatics, Research & Development

7/2019-12/2021

- Built first-in-kind long-read sequencing assay for quantification of tandem repeats for Ataxia diagnostic
- Built high-throughput whole exome pipeline for large scale consumer-based assay processing 100,000 samples per year

Sr. Scientist, Bioinformatics, Research & Development

1/2018-7/2019

- Established the systems needed to scale from small targeted panel assays to assays using a Whole Exome Sequencing backbone for diagnostic use
- Produced Whole Exome Sequencing Copy Number Variant caller using a coverage-based approach

Courtagen Life Sciences

Woburn, MA

Bioinformatics Scientist, Annotation & Interpretation

11/2015-7/2017

- Support and implementation of interpretation and reporting web application providing feature improvements and bug fixes in a CAP/CLIA genetic testing environment
- Built web interface and backend to identify and queue variant confirmations using Sanger sequencing

Laboratory of Molecular Medicine/Partners Personalized Medicine

Cambridge, MA

Bioinformatician

9/2012-11/2015

- Produced end-to-end pipeline for distributed computation and variant calling for Whole Genome Sequencing in a CAP/CLIA genetic testing laboratory setting
- Implemented software to interface variant databases, variant annotation, and interpretation interfaces into a single, simple set of tools and resources

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Experience (con'd)

Harvard School of Public Health, Bioinformatics Core Bioinformatician

Boston, MA

7/2011-8/2012

- Provided bioinformatics analyses and reports in support of contracting labs throughout HSPS
- Extensive contribution of tools and workflows towards the HSPS fork of the Galaxy Project

Marquette University, School of Biology

Milwaukee, WI

5/2007-1/2008

Research Associate, Molecular Biology

• Built molecular biology constructs for RNA Interference in *Chlamydomonas*

Applied Biosystems

Foster City, CA

Bioinformatics Scientist

5/2001-5/2005

- Built the computational analysis and system to run it in support of SNPlex custom oligo array
- Assisted in development of the first ABI 7900 high-throughput qPCR platform. Provided continued improvements in basecalling for the ABI 3700 sequencing instrument
- Leveraged the Celera human genome draft to identify putative drug targets in collaboration with contracted pharmaceutical companies

Celera Genomics Foster City, CA Scientist5/2000-5/2001

- Wet lab identification of full-length cDNA clones targeting putative drug targets
- cDNA library archival in a high-throughput cloning laboratory focused on isolating drug targets identified by draft

Publications

Tsai, E.A.; Shakbatyan, R.; Evans, J.; Rossetti, P.; Graham, C.; Sharma, H.; Lin, C.-F.; Lebo, M.S. Bioinformatics Workflow for Clinical Whole Genome Sequencing at Partners HealthCare Personalized Medicine. J. Pers. Med. 2016, 6, 12.

Skills



Technical

Languages: STUFF

Developer Tools: STUFF

Technologies/Frameworks: STUFF